

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST.

SOUTHERN POLITICS.
ANOTHER LETTER FROM PROFESSOR HEDRICK, OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

Extract from a letter, under date of October 27, from Professor Hedrick, late of the University of North Carolina, to a Southern friend in this city:

"Others had told me that my views were sound, but that I would do no good to publish them at this time; that I would get myself in trouble, &c., &c. The fact is, I was already in trouble. I had said, some time in August, that if there were a Fremont ticket in the State I would vote it. Others said they would do the same; but no one took much notice of it. This got abroad, however, and came to the ears of the editor of the Standard, when the mandate went forth from the representative of slaveocracy, 'Let our schools and seminaries be scrubbed, and if big republicans be found in them let them be drawn out.' It was understood that these instructions were directed at me. The editorial was followed after an interval of some two or three weeks by the communication over the signature 'An Alumnus,' written by a son of second father to the Standard. It was announced that a board of trustees would be elected on the first Monday in October, Judge Salsbury, a Northern lawyer in the matter, the chairman again, and every strong against me, there being so many friends in addition to being a republican. This big Alumnus would come to an issue with the Board, and a Southern member, who had been absent from the Union, and who had been educated at a foreign college, was chosen to represent the community, and came out, only and squarely for 'Free speech' and 'unitedness'." He endorsed the policy of Pierce and yet Pierce could not get, he said, a candidate half a dozen states. The country would have to Buchanan if he were elected, but in opposition to the policy of the Board, and we should have the offices of government in his hands. We should have the offices of state and of war, and the command of the army and navy. He was rather more than the editor expected, and he said that it would not do to let him go, so he raised the question, 'What would you do?' The cry of 'Change in the community,' hoping thereby to have me nominated at once! All the copies of the Standard going North were suppressed, so that my letter should not appear there, but, somehow or other, it did appear there, though it was suppressed in the Standard, and Cuba, for which reason I am afraid, was ruined. It was read by a man of some note, and was soon after published in the Standard. The means of the world's power were at once brought to bear against me. Efforts were made to raise a mob amongst the students and some of them, as I have since learned, were turned with some towards, because they were told that I had voted for Fremont. I did not give together one single word of any sort, but not one of my classes could be induced to refuse me a passing student to refuse to recite. In the political press the Standard found the right kind of material to work upon, and by giving my name and my residence, it had a wide influence. The letter to a friend in Boston, which I wrote to you, was read in the Standard. It was decided that the University would certainly be ruined unless something was done to stop it. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees being ready all possible to do what was required, the Board voted to have an extraordinary general session, in consequence of the great interest taken in the popular clamor. The chairman of the committee of the Popular Committee of the State. As my letter had been very little circulated, its true character is almost unknown. It has not been read by me in time to make any impression on me, but it was read in the Standard, and it was so well received that it was soon after published in the Standard. A series of resolutions condemning the outrages upon Senator Sumner by Mr. Brooks, of South Carolina, were passed—say 150; yes 15. A resolution approving the speech of Mr. Sumner in the Senate, in May last, was adopted—say 152, yes 7. Resolutions offered by a democratic member, condemning the course of Amherst Buntington, of Massachusetts, were rejected.

CHURCH OF THE POPES' BULL AGAINST SLAVERY.—The Memphis *Eagle* of October 23 contains a terrifying article, announcing that the bull of Pope Gregory XVI against slaves, which forbids any Catholic writing, aiding or supporting the principle of slavery or its extension, is now sent out by thousands at the south for circulation, and is doing great damage to Missouri border communities.

JUDGE MCLEAN'S LETTER TO FREMONT.—The New Haven *Post* says—

Judge McLean, who has been announced as supporting Buchanan, wrote and will vote for John C. Fremont. This correction is made on authority of a private letter received by a relation of his in this city this morning.

FREMONT'S COOT.—The *Charleston Courier* of the 20th, speaking of the Northern democrat, says—

Their cause is groundless. And it is to their misery that we will naturally go. We are glad of this. We left from South to stand on; and we have known that we have done the first that is the only safe position for those North or no deserve to be masters at the North by breaking them up, in season and out of season, to the stand. They're not here to stand on; and we have no right to stand on, except as the slaves are the stand on.

The election of Fremont will compel the southerners to show their hands, and give a chance to those of us.

They will then be made apparent to all. But let Buchanan be beaten, and we will either control the government or dissolve the Union.

The true friends of the republic have but a few more days to work. Let no effort be spared in placing the question as it is plainly before the people, and I believe the right will yet come.

PHILOSOPHY AND PRACTICE OF SLAVERY, BY W. A. SMITH.—President of Randolph-Macon College, Virginia.

(From the *Standard*, October, Oct. 26.)

The practical men of the world, in matters of moral and political science are always ahead of the "foremost minds," the philosophers. The former begin to act and think, and the latter follow. The former are the practical inventors, beliefs of practical men begin action proceeding from these beliefs long before philosophers detect, express, and generalize the reasons which justify their conduct.

Mr. Smith and Soule's interesting philosophy are attempting to serve to improve the condition of the white man by extending the area of African slavery, and thus rendering it safer and more plentiful the products of negro slave labor, which have become necessary to the progress of the world. The African slave is invaluable, beliefs of practical men begin action proceeding from these beliefs long before philosophers detect, express, and generalize the reasons which justify their conduct.

The UNFORTUNATE KNOW NOTHINGS.—The Albany *Argus* says the whole State has been canvassed, and that Buchanan has a majority over Fremont of nearly ten thousand, and three times that number over Fillmore. What is to become of the rat candidate for Governor.

TREATMENT OF A CIVIL ENGINEER IN KANSAS.—The Chicago *Democrat* of the 28th gives an account of the arrest of George L. Mody, a civil engineer, educated at Troy, while en route to settle in Nebraska. When he reached Lexington he was arrested, his trunk examined, and was marched off as a criminal to Independence. There he was liberated, after some delay and expense, and much personal mortification.

Mr. Mody, who is a man of much improved education by removal to American slavery as a slave at home for slavery to white masters in the South, is the most moral and intellectual person ever to have come into the ranks of Buchanan and the "know nothing" party, and each is equally execrable.

No DANGER FROM THE SLAVE TRADE.—The *Charleston Courier* publishes a series of articles in favor of the re-establishment of the slave trade. In No. 5, published October 24, it argues that no danger can arise to the South from the importation of African slaves.

The citizens of New York have no cause to fear.

The negroes in the slave states are the slaves of the South, and each is equally execrable.

A great reason of the whole slavery subject is in busy operation, but it did not begin with the pillow case of the *Standard*. It began with the *Anti-Slavery*, who were impelled to revolutionary and uncompromising beliefs, since the day of Mr. Calhoun, who we do not think a word has been uttered in Congress in justification of the slaves principle, yet Southern numbers have been as noisy as the *Standard* is operated on by conviction.

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We welcome Dr. Smith's book, not only because it supplies a desideratum in moral, social, ethical and political science, but because it does honor to the ancient legends of the South. It proves very clearly that any palliatives which have been given to the "inner" can prove "Pure, robust and healthy morally and orthodox Christians are seen and felt throughout its pages, but yet we are told their previous condition is not observable. "They will have nothing to unlearn," when they reach the south!!!

THE PRINTERS AND THE RAT CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.—The following named printers of Elmira have endorsed the circular of the printers of this city, denouncing Erastus Brooks, the Know Nothing candidate for Governor, as a rat employer, and "the rat per excellence" in the printing business—

O. H. Durkirk.
G. F. Follett.
Jas. Corcoran.
John S. Allen.
P. C. Van Gelder.
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